

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A video/audio system comprising:

a head unit with a panel controller;

first information output means for outputting first video information and audio information from the head unit with a panel controller to display means;

second information output means connected to said first information output means via a common signal line, for carrying out switching output of second video information and audio information to said display means; and

remote control means for selectively operating said first and second information output means externally from the common signal line outside, with the remote control means carrying out an external decision state that allows an external connection decision/processing means to receive control means for selectively operating the video/audio system through the head unit with a panel controller wherein

said first and second information output means operate in one of single and combined circuit modes in response to a signal transmitted through the common signal line.

2. **(Original)** The video/audio system according to claim 1, wherein

said first information output means comprises:

first control means for making a decision as to operation contents of the remote control means, and for generating a control signal in response to the decision result; and

first information playback means for selecting at least one of first video information and audio information in response to an output of said first control means, and

said second information output means comprises:

second control means for generating a control signal in response to a signal transmitted from said first information output means on the common signal line;

second information playback means for supplying said display means with the second video information and audio information in response to the control signal from said second control means; and

switching means for carrying out switching output of the second video information and audio information from said second information playback means to said display means in response to the control signal from said second control means.

3. **(Original)** The video/audio system according to claim 2, wherein

said first control means comprises external connection state decision means for recognizing an external connection state from at least the operation contents of said remote control means, and

said second control means comprises external connection decision/processing means for recognizing an external connection state and for carrying out corresponding processing in response to at least the signal output from said first control means via a common signal line.

4. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 3, wherein

said control means being provided by a controller that determines whether a power button on the remote control means has been depressed by a user.

5. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 4, wherein

after determining that the power button on the remote control means has been depressed and the controller being aware of the external decision state that allows an external connection decision/processing, the controller determines an audio transmitter power state.

6. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 4, wherein
after the controller determines an audio transmitter power state being active, the controller determines that an external player is connected, and a user has selected the external player for use in a seating position separate from a front seat position, the controller being aware of the external decision state that activates external control of the controller.

7. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 6, wherein
the controller will receive external decision state information along with the input from the panel controller located on the head unit.

8. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 7, wherein
the transmitter is active, and a user has selected the external player for use in a seating position located within the front seat, the controller being aware of the external decision state, deactivates the transmitter.

9. **(New)** The video/audio system according to claim 7, wherein
the transmitter is inactive, playback on a player separate from the head unit, activates the transmitter.